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CALL FOR PAPERS

From Defeat to Wisdom

Special Issue 2026

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The India Independent Philosophical Journal (IIPJ) invites scholars to submit original research contributions for the 2026 Special Issue on the theme: **From Defeat to Wisdom**.

This Special Issue examines defeat not through a pessimistic or fatalistic lens, but as a profound moment of philosophical and existential transformation. The aim is to explore defeat as an experience that can reveal hidden structures of meaning, awaken deeper self-understanding, cultivate resilience, reshape moral perspectives, and open pathways toward wisdom. Philosophical traditions across the world—Eastern and Western, classical and contemporary—have long considered adversity, collapse, and limitation as moments ripe for reflection and growth. This issue highlights such affirmative perspectives on defeat, emphasising renewal, inner strength, ethical clarity, and the creative reorientation of life.

The Special Issue invites papers that illuminate the constructive, transformative, and wisdom-generating possibilities embedded in experiences of personal, collective, historical, political, or metaphysical defeat.

Suggested Topics

(non-exhaustive; other relevant proposals are welcome)

- Philosophical foundations and conceptual analyses of defeat as a transformative category
- Defeat as a source of insight, clarity, humility, and inner strength
- The movement from breakdown to breakthrough: how wisdom emerges through crisis
- Affirmative and constructive interpretations of failure across Indian and Western traditions
- Ethical implications of defeat: responsibility, compassion, learning, and moral refinement
- Reconstructing the self after loss: resilience, renewed agency, and creative reorientation
- Human vulnerability, finitude, and meaning-making in the face of collapse
- Spiritual and theological reflections: kenosis, surrender, rebirth, awakening, liberation
- Wisdom through adversity: perspectives from Yoga, Vedānta, Buddhism, Stoicism, and others
- Positive hermeneutics of defeat: hope, renewal, possibility, and the courage to begin again
- Metaphysical dimensions of defeat: unrealized potential, nothingness, and transformation
- Temporality and defeat: memory, reinterpretation, closure, and future-making
- Collective, social, and political forms of defeat and their potential for renewal of ideals
- Learning from historical or civilizational failures: rebuilding and reimagining communities
- Representations of defeat, resilience, and transformation in literature, art, and cultural narratives
- Comparative and cross-cultural philosophical approaches to defeat and wisdom

Affirmative Orientation of the Special Issue

This Special Issue adopts a constructive, growth-oriented approach, treating defeat as a profound moment from which deeper wisdom, clarity, and transformation can emerge, rather than as a pessimistic or terminal event.

Peer Review & Ethics

- All submissions undergo **double-blind peer review** by two independent experts.
- Evaluation focuses on originality, relevance, methodology, and philosophical depth.
- The journal follows a **strict plagiarism policy**: similarity above **10% (uncited)** results in rejection.

Important Dates

- **Submission Deadline:** 30 April 2026
- **Notification of Acceptance:** 30 June 2026
- **Publication (Print Issue):** July 2026

Author Guidelines

- **Manuscript Length:** 3000–6000 words (without the author's name)
- **Abstract:** 200–300 words, with 4–6 keywords
- **Authorship:** in a separate file, repeat the title of the manuscript and write the author's first and last name, affiliation, and ORCID, if applicable.
- **File Format:** MS Word (.docx)
- **Font:** Times New Roman, Size 12
- **Spacing:** Double-spaced
- **Referencing:** APA 7th / Chicago Manual (consistent style)
- **Languages Accepted:** English
- **Declaration:** Work must be original, unpublished, and not under review elsewhere
- **Publication Fee:** Rs.1500 (14,50€/14,50\$)+Postal charges (if Paper gets selected)

Submission Details

Submit manuscripts via email to: iipc.research@gmail.com

Email Subject Line: *Submission for IIPJ – [Paper Title]*

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The journal aims to **revive the spirit of philosophical reflection and dialogue** that bridges classical insights and modern challenges — ethical, existential, environmental, and spiritual.

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